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CIA Is Told To Mind Ps & Qs

Reacting to disclosures linking the Central Intelligence Agency to a White House-directed undercover operation that included burglary and a covert psychiatric profile of Daniel Ellsberg, CIA director James R. Schlesinger has ordered an organizational housecleaning to prevent such activities in the future.

Schlesinger assured senators yesterday that he is reviewing "all agency activities" in order to put a stop to future domestic operations "outside its legitimate charter" and in violation of laws barring the CIA from security operations within the country.

Supplying cameras, disguises and false documents to Watergate conspirators E. Howard Hunt and G. Gordon Liddy on request of the White House was careless and in violation of "procedural steps and approvals normally required by agency regulations," Schlesinger said. The observation amounted to all but direct criticism of the administration of former CIA Director Richard M. Helms.



— Associated Press

James L. Schlesinger talks with the press.

FURTHER, referring to the use of the agency's office of medical services to work up two assessments of Ellsberg on White House demands, Schlesinger declared: "The preparation of a profile on an American citizen under these circumstances lies beyond the normal activity of the agency. It shall not be repeated."

More generally, Schlesinger said that he has "directed each employee and invited each employee" to report directly to him any questionable cases in which the CIA may be indulging in forbidden domestic activities.

Schlesinger's statement, delivered to a Senate committee behind closed doors, and then — in an unprecedented move — made public with his blessing, came closer than any director in the 25-year history of the CIA to admit-

ting that the legal ban on domestic operations has sometimes been bent — if not broken outright.

TESTIFYING on the material and operational support the CIA lent a covert White House probe of Ellsberg that included a burglary of his psychiatrist's office in September 1971, Schlesinger also made these disclosures:

● Helms, Schlesinger's predecessor as CIA chief, directed the preparation of a psychiatric profile of Ellsberg by agency specialist Dr. Bernard Malloy. Two profiles were worked out over a series of months, Schlesinger reported, and there were several consultations between Malloy and the White House agents, Hunt and Liddy.

The profile had originally been requested by David Young, the White House aide whose representations gained Hunt access to classified State Department files during the same period.

● The paths for Hunt, a former CIA agent, and Liddy to agency cooperations were smoothed by White House domestic adviser John D. Ehrlichman in a phone call to Marine Corps Gen. Robert E. Cushman, then the agency's deputy director.

The call, on July 8, 1971,

came only a few days after publication of the Pentagon Papers began in the *New York Times*, and agency records show that Ehrlichman advised Cushman of Hunt's appointment as a special White House security consultant. Agency cooperation with him was requested.

● Hunt, paying a personal call on Cushman at the CIA headquarters, sought technical help from the CIA's clandestine operations directorate to help him carry out a White House mission. Schlesinger described the mission in these terms: "To visit and elicit information from an individual whose ideology he was not entirely sure of."

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